

Surah 80 Surah Abas

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THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH ABAS AND SURAH NAAZI'AAT

Compared to *Surah Naazi'aat*, *Surah Abas* provides more details about the Day of *Qiyaamah*. The *Surah* states that although the *Kuffaar* and sinners will be punished in the *Aakhirah*, the Day of *Qiyaamah* will itself be so frightening that people will flee from their kith and kin.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The *Surah* may be divided into two parts. The first part contains the following three aspect:

1. The first discussion (from the beginning to verse 16) advises Rasulullaah ﷺ and describes the grandeur of the Qur'aan.
2. The second discussion (verses 17 to 23) condemns the *Mushrikeen*, who are ungrateful to Allaah by disobeying Him despite exploiting all the bounties of Allaah grants to them.
3. The third discussion (verses 24 to 32) contains a logical proof to substantiate *Qiyaamah*. In these verses, Allaah prompts people to reflect on who provides the various types of food and drink for them and their animals. The One Who provides all this sustenance can most certainly resurrect them on the Day of *Qiyaamah*.

In the second part of the *Surah*, Allaah describes the Day of *Qiyaamah* from verse 33 to 37. Here Allaah mentions that the day will be so frightening that every person will flee in terror from others, even though they may be their parents, their children or their blood relatives.

However, there will be those who will not suffer this terrible fate but who will be resplendent and happy. These will be the sincere *Mu'mineen* who are mentioned in verses 38 and 39. The last three verses conclude with a description of the *Kuffaar* and *Mushrikeen* who will be disgraced on that day.

سُوْرَةُ عَبَسَ وَتَوَلَّىٰ اَنْ جَاءَهُ الْاَعْمٰى وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُكَ لَعَلَّهٗ يَزْكٰى اَوْ يَذَّكَّرُ فَتَنْفَعَهُ الذِّكْرٰى اَمَّا مَنِ اسْتَغْنٰى فَاَنْتَ لَهٗ تَصَدٰى وَمَا عَلَيْكَ اَلَّا يَزْكٰى

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

عَبَسَ وَتَوَلَّىٰ ١

1. (Abdullaah bin Ummi Maktoom once came to Rasulullaah ﷺ while Rasulullaah ﷺ was preaching Islaam to a few leaders of the Quraysh. Because he was blind, he did not realise that Rasulullaah ﷺ was occupied with the others and he kept insisting that Rasulullaah ﷺ should teach him something. Since his arrival disturbed the discussion and acceding to his request would interrupt what was being said to the Mushrikeen leaders, Rasulullaah ﷺ ignored him, thinking that he would speak to him later on. Since the opportunity to address the Quraysh leaders was so rare if any of them accepted Islaam, it would influence many others to follow. Rasulullaah ﷺ's reaction became evident on his face when he frowned. Referring to this, Allaah says,) **He (Rasulullaah ﷺ) frowned and turned away...**

اَنْ جَاءَهُ الْاَعْمٰى ٢

2. ...because a blind man came to him (interrupting him).

وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُكَ لَعَلَّهٗ يَزْكٰى ٣

3. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ!) **How do you know that perhaps he (the blind man) will be (spiritually) purified (by your guidance)...**

اَوْ يَذَّكَّرُ فَتَنْفَعَهُ الذِّكْرٰى ٤

4. ...or he may take heed and the advice will prove beneficial (useful) to him?

اَمَّا مَنِ اسْتَغْنٰى ٥

5. **As for him (the Quraysh leaders) who was indifferent (do not care)...**

فَاَنْتَ لَهٗ تَصَدٰى ٦

6. ...to him do you attend (instead of attending to the blind sincere Muslim)...

وَمَا عَلَيْكَ اَلَّا يَزْكٰى ٧

7. ...when there would be no blame on you if he is not purified *(because they were not Muslims in the first place)*.

وَأَمَّا مَنْ جَاءَكَ يَسْعَى ۙ

8. As for him *(the blind Muslim)* who comes running to you...

وَهُوَ يَخْشَى ۙ

9. ...in fear *(for Allaah)*...

فَأَنْتَ عَنْهُ تَاكِلَى ۚ

10. ...to him you show indifference *(gave little attention)*.

كَلَّا إِنَّهَا تَذْكِرَةٌ ۚ

11. This should never be. Indeed this *(Qur'aan)* is a reminder *(so that mistakes are not repeated)*.

فَمَنْ شَاءَ ذَكِّرْهُ ۚ

12. So whoever desires should remember *(the advice of the Qur'aan)*.

فِي صُحُفٍ مُّكَرَّمَةٍ ۙ

13. It *(the Qur'aan)* is *(recorded)* in scriptures *(the "Lowhul Mahfoodh")* that are honoured *(in Allaah's sight)*...

مَرْفُوعَةٍ مُّطَهَّرَةٍ ۙ

14. ...elevated *(just beneath Allaah's throne)* and pure *(from errors and beyond the reach of the impure Shayaateen)*...

بِأَيْدِي سَفَرَةٍ ۙ

15. ...in the hands of scribes *(the angels and the Sahabah (RA) who were the scribes)*...

كِرَامٍ بَرَرَةٍ ۚ

وَقُلْنَا لَا تَزِرُ

16. ...who are honourable and righteous. (The "scribes" mentioned here can also refer to those Sahabah عليهم السلام who used to reward in writing the Qur'aan during the lifetime of Rasullullaah ﷺ.)

قُتِلَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا أَكْفَرَهُ ۖ

17. Woe be to man (the Kaafir) ! How ungrateful is he (Despite all the favours Allaah has blessed him with, the Kaafir chooses to worship others instead.)

مِنْ أَى شَيْءٍ خَلَقَهُ ۖ

18. From what did Allaah create him?

مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ خَلَقَهُ فَقَدَّرَهُ ۖ

19. From a drop of semen Allaah created him, made him in due proportion (with all the parts of his body in proportion to each other)...

ثُمَّ السَّبِيلَ يَسَّرَهُ ۖ

20. ...and then eased the way for him (to come into this world and to survive in it. By sending the Ambiyaa عليهم السلام and the Divine Scriptures, Allaah also made it easy for man to understand right and wrong).

ثُمَّ أَمَاتَهُ فَأَقْبَرَهُ ۖ

21. Allaah then gave him death and concealed him in a grave.

ثُمَّ إِذَا شَاءَ أَنشُرَهُ ۖ

22. Then Allaah shall resurrect him when He wills.

كَلَّا لَمَّا يَقُضْ مَا أَمَرَهُ ۖ

23. Behold! Man (the Kaafir) has not done (fulfilled) what Allaah has commanded him (to do).

فَلْيَنْظُرِ الْإِنْسَانُ إِلَى طَعَامِهِ ۖ

24. Let man look at his food (for in it he will recognise the power of Allaah and realise Allaah's tremendous favours to him).

أَنَّا صَبَبْنَا الْمَاءَ صَبًّا ۖ

25. We make the rain pour forth in abundance. *(The rain nourishes the soil and causes seeds to germinate and sprout.)*

تُمْشَقُّنَا الْأَرْضُ شَقًّا ۝١٦

26. Then *(when the shoots of the seeds start to pierce through the ground,)* **We cause the earth to part into clefts** *(split to allow the shoots to reach the surface and grow).*

فَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا حَبًّا ۝١٧

27. We then grow on the earth grains *(such as cereals)...*

وَعِنَبًا وَقَضْبًا ۝١٨

28. ...grapes, vegetables...

وَزَيْتُونًا وَنَخْلًا ۝١٩

29. ...olives, date palms...

وَحَدَائِقَ غُلْبًا ۝٢٠

30. ...dense gardens...

وَفَاكِهِةً وَأَبَّاءَ ۝٢١

31. ...fruit and fodder...(pastures)

مَتَاعًا لَّكُمْ وَلِأَنْعَامِكُمْ ۝٢٢

32. ...*(all of this)* for your benefit*(use)* and for the benefit of your animals.

فَإِذَا جَاءَتِ الصَّاخَّةُ ۝٢٣

33. So when the deafening*(ear-piercing)* scream *(the sound of the trumpet)* will come *(to announce the advent of Qiyaamah)...*

يَوْمَ يَفِرُّ الْمَرْءُ مِنْ أَخِيهِ ۝٢٤

34. ...on that day man will run from his brother...

وَأُمِّهِ وَأَبِيهِ ۝٣٥

35. ...his mother, his father...

وَصَاحِبَتِهِ وَبَنِيهِ ۝٣٦

36. ...his wife and his sons. (No one will want to help another because everyone will be concerned only about trying to save themselves.)

لِكُلِّ أَمْرٍ مِّنْهُمْ يَوْمَ ذَٰلِكَ شَأْنٌ يُغْنِيهِ ۝٣٧

37. On that day every one of them will be preoccupied with a predicament (concern for his own plight) that will make him oblivious of (forget) another.

وَجُوهٌ يَّوْمَ ذَٰلِكَ مُسْفِرَةٌ ۝٣٨

38. On that day many faces shall be radiant (shinning and gleaming)...

ضَاحِكَةٌ مُّسْتَبْشِرَةٌ ۝٣٩

39. ...laughing and happy. (These will be the Mu'mineen destined for Jannah.)

وَوُجُوهٌ يَّوْمَ ذَٰلِكَ عَلَيْهَا غَبَرَةٌ ۝٤٠

40. And (on the other hand) many faces will be dusty...

تَرْهَقُهَا قَتَرَةٌ ۝٤١

41. ...covered in darkness (with worry).

أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُ الْفَجَرَةُ ۝٤٢

42. These will be the sinful Kuffaar.

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